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SUBJECT: BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION: HIJACKING  
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1. ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES INSTITUTED PURSUANT TO  
THE BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION,ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES  
SHOULD ADVISE HOST GOVERNMENTS OF HIJACKING OF POLISH  
LOT AIRLINE FLIGHT 615 ENROUTE FROM GDANSK (DANZIG),  
POLAND TO SCHOENEFELD, EAST GERMANY ON AUGUST 30, 1978.  
THE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED AT GUNPOINT BY AN EAST

BERLIN RESIDENT AT 8:50 A.M. LOCAL TIME TO TEMPLEHOF AIR FORCE BASE, WEST BERLIN. THE HIJACKER WAS ASSISTED BY A FEMALE ACCOMPLICE AND HER DAUGHTER. THE SUSPECTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT TEMPLEHOF; THE CREW AND PASSENGERS WERE INTERVIEWED; AND THE PLANE WAS RELEASED AT 3:51 P.M. LOCAL TIME TO CONTINUE TO ORIGINAL DESTINATION. SIX EAST GERMAN NATIONALS ELECTED REMAIN IN WEST BERLIN AND HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO THE REFUGEE FACILITY AT MARIENFELDE. ONE WEST GERMAN PASSENGER RETURNED TO WEST BERLIN.

2. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS CONSULTING WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES REGARDING THE JURISDICTIONAL ASPECTS OF HOW TO PROCEED AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIJACKING. CHRISTOPHER

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